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Idaho Monthly Milk Production Up 3.4 Percent

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Idaho milk production during February 2011 totaled 968 million pounds, a 3.4 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 9.1 percent from January 2011. January 2011 milk production was revised to 1.07 billion pounds, down 13 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in February 2011 was 1,690 pounds, unchanged from February 2010. The average number of milk cows during February was 573,000 head, up 19,000 from February 2010, but unchanged from January 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from February 2010. January revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from January 2010. The January revision represented a decrease of 21 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,666 pounds for February, 24 pounds above February 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 81,000 head more than February 2010, but no change from January 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2010-2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	170	185	1,940	1,915	330	354	7.3
California	1,760	1,752	1,755	1,805	3,089	3,162	2.4
Colorado	116	123	1,800	1,795	209	221	5.7
Florida	113	118	1,595	1,715	180	202	12.2
Idaho	554	573	1,690	1,690	936	968	3.4
Illinois	101	98	1,530	1,530	155	150	-3.2
Indiana	169	171	1,560	1,575	264	269	1.9
Iowa	213	208	1,575	1,630	335	339	1.2
Kansas	116	123	1,620	1,630	188	200	6.4
Michigan	355	362	1,765	1,780	627	644	2.7
Minnesota	470	471	1,510	1,495	710	704	-0.8
Missouri	101	95	1,100	1,140	111	108	-2.7
New Mexico	318	324	1,870	1,890	595	612	2.9
New York	610	610	1,560	1,620	952	988	3.8
Ohio	272	270	1,490	1,500	405	405	--
Oregon	115	119	1,565	1,570	180	187	3.9
Pennsylvania	541	543	1,520	1,510	822	820	-0.2
Texas	410	425	1,640	1,720	672	731	8.8
Utah	84	86	1,640	1,590	138	137	-0.7
Vermont	134	135	1,440	1,465	193	198	2.6
Virginia	95	95	1,400	1,430	133	136	2.3
Washington	246	252	1,825	1,820	449	459	2.2
Wisconsin	1,260	1,266	1,585	1,585	1,997	2,007	0.5
23 State Total	8,323	8,404	1,642	1,666	13,670	14,001	2.4

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 19 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2011 totaled 12.9 million pounds, down 19 percent from February of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2011 period totaled 28.1 million pounds, down 16 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.81 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.74 billion pounds produced in February 2010. Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.62 million head, up 3 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,286 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,800 head, down 7 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from last year, at 264 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.51 million head, down 2 percent from February 2010. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 12 percent from February 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 155,100 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago. January to February 2011 commercial red meat production was 7.85 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 12 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	February 2011 As Percent of 2010 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	126.5	142.9	139.8	111
Colorado	169.5	167.8	168.9	100
Idaho	16.1	15.2	12.9	81
Illinois	209.1	218.4	199.3	95
Iowa	528.8	556.5	516.5	98
Kansas	402.9	438.8	410.3	102
Minnesota	203.6	223.9	210.8	104
Montana	0.9	1.0	1.0	106
Nebraska	528.6	595.8	549.6	104
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	137
Oklahoma	89.6	99.8	97.9	109
Oregon	4.1	5.1	4.8	119
South Dakota	70.3	90.8	85.7	122
Texas	365.7	398.0	386.9	106
Utah	38.4	34.8	35.7	93
Washington	66.3	67.7	64.0	97
Wyoming	0.5	0.6	0.4	88
United States	3,735.8	4,042.0	3,811.3	102

^{1/}Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. ^{2/}Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle On Feed Up 13 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2011 totaled 220,000 head, up 13 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is down 4 percent from February 1, 2011. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 31,000 head, down 5,000 head from February 2010 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during February totaled 40,000 head, same as a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during February.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on March 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above March 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million, 4 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 12 percent below 2010.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	March 1, 2010	February 1, 2011	March 1, 2011		
			Number	As % of 2010	As % of February
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	286	266	269	94	101
California	425	470	460	108	98
Colorado	940	1,070	1,070	114	100
Idaho	195	230	220	113	96
Iowa	610	660	650	107	98
Kansas	2,220	2,270	2,220	100	98
Nebraska	2,350	2,460	2,430	103	99
Oklahoma	355	375	360	101	96
South Dakota	240	270	260	108	96
Texas	2,650	2,880	2,840	107	99
Washington	168	209	208	124	100
Other States	410	423	407	99	96
United States	10,849	11,583	11,394	105	98

Stocks in Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on February 28, 2011 totaled 899 million pounds, a 2 percent increase from January 31, 2011, but down 1 percent from February 28, 2010. Other frozen potatoes, at 208 million pounds, are down 3 percent from last month but up 3 percent from a year ago.

United States stocks of butter on February 28, 2011 totaled 139 million pounds, up 17 percent from the end of the previous month, but down 32 percent from a year ago. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 622 million pounds, down 2 percent from January 31, 2011, but up 4 percent from February 28, 2010.

Commodity	Feb 28, 2010	Jan 31, 2011	Feb 28, 2011	2011
				2010
POTATOES:	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
French Fries	911,667	881,705	899,128	99
Other Frozen	201,923	213,318	207,569	103
TOTAL	1,113,590	1,095,023	1,106,697	99
DAIRY:				
Butter, Total	202,896	118,784	138,656	68
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	599,152	637,935	622,226	104

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 54.5 million cwt, 13.0 million cwt less than on hand March 1, 2010. This is the lowest March 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappearance, at 59.9 million cwt is down from last year's 65.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.10 million cwt, down from last year's 2.70 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 52.4 million cwt, were down from the 64.8 million cwt stored on March 1, 2010.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 143 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2011, down 15 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 41 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below March 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 208 million cwt, was 3 percent below March 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.6 million cwt, was down 12 percent from the same date in 2010.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on March 1, 2010 and March 1, 2011 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2009			CROP OF 2010		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2010	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2011	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Percent</i>
California	3,960	1,100	28	2,280	900	39
Colorado	22,080	10,500	48	21,528	9,600	45
Idaho	132,500	67,500	51	114,440	54,500	48
Maine	15,263	7,800	51	15,892	7,900	50
Michigan	15,660	3,500	22	15,660	4,100	26
Minnesota	20,700	8,300	40	17,010	7,300	43
Montana	3,298	3,100	94	3,673	3,300	90
Nebraska	8,756	3,300	38	7,719	3,000	39
New York	4,950	900	18	5,120	800	16
North Dakota	19,125	7,000	37	22,000	8,100	37
Oregon	21,460	10,700	50	20,058	10,100	50
Washington	87,230	34,900	40	81,740	25,700	31
Wisconsin	28,980	11,100	38	24,293	8,100	33
13 STATES	383,962	169,700	44	351,413	143,400	41
Klamath Basin 2/		2,200			1,800	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 23.7 million cwt. 2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.